

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 25, 2008 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

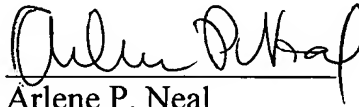
Claims 1-7 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 8-15 have been allowed.

In light of the fact that rejected claims 1-7 have been cancelled and that the remaining claims have been allowed, Applicants request that this application be passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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